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Dear Roland:

Bob had indicated that you were preparing to retire but I was hoping it was not true and that with time you might change your mind. But given the circumstances you cite, I can understand your feelings. Clearly we will be losing a good friend, and the BBC will be losing a valuable employee. I am certain that your colleagues share my own feeling that the Monitoring Service is suffering a severe loss in your decision to leave.

I think it is generous of you to stay on until the new General Manager is chosen. We certainly appreciate the fact that you will do so, as our relationship has never been better and the mutual interests of the BBC and FBIS are certainly well served under your tutelage.

I can only wish you the very best for the future and hope you will find something that is professionally rewarding. With your very extensive background in news gathering and management, I can imagine your services will be eagerly sought.

Warmest regards,



Director

cc: Chief, London Bureau

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